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Presented By Deputy Commissioner Macky McCleary

**Raised Senate Bill No. 816 –AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL  
COMPOSTING FACILITY TASK FORCE**

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding Raised Senate Bill 816 – An Act Concerning the Creation of a Regional Composting Facility Task Force. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) welcomes the opportunity to offer the following testimony.

DEEP supports this bill with revisions. DEEP recommends that the bill leave open the possibility of including additional regional organizations involved in solid waste management, if such organizations are interested in participating. We note that the language identifying the various stakeholders originated in previous years and additional stakeholder groups have developed since then, such as the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority.

The bill builds on existing law intended to welcome recycling businesses to Connecticut. The bill brings together stakeholders to identify solutions to induce development that will help close the infrastructure gap for managing compostable material. This is important because compostable materials comprise the largest single type of material currently not being recycled and are an opportunity to foster economic development of green jobs and businesses.

DEEP is willing to work with the committee to update the scope and language of this bill and we are happy to answer any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this proposal. If you should require any additional information, please contact DEEP's legislative liaison, Robert LaFrance at 424-3401 or [Robert.LaFrance@ct.gov](mailto:Robert.LaFrance@ct.gov)